

J. H. B. LATROBE—MEMORIAL OF.

JUNE 27, 1836.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled :*

The memorial of the president and directors of the Union Bank of Maryland  
RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS :

That your memorialists, as assignees of the mercantile firm of Hollins and McBlair, and of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, deceased, became interested to the extent of two-thirds in the schooner Trim, of Baltimore, and cargo, seized at Saint Sebastians, by the French authorities, in 1809. The remaining one-third of said vessel and cargo, belonging to August J. Schwartz, assignee of Christopher Deshen, one of the original owners with the said Hollins and McBlair, and George Stiles. That your memorialists preferred their claim for compensation for the loss of said vessel and cargo, before the commissioners under the convention with France of 1831, who, after examination thereof, admitted the same, and awarded the sum of \$59,451 46, as the value of the said vessel, freight, cargo, and commissions, two-thirds of which were awarded to your memorialists, and the remaining third to the said August J. Schwartz. That by a mistake in figures, however, in the division of the sum awarded, the said two-thirds instead of being stated in the account as \$39,634 31, were stated as but \$29,634 31, although in the addition of the one-third aforesaid, (which is correctly stated as \$19,817 15) and the said two-thirds, incorrectly stated as above, the total is made conformable to the award, to wit: \$59,451 46, thus rendering the mistake apparent. That in entering this case upon the journal of the commissioners from the original award itself, the gross amount is correctly stated as \$59,451 46, although the mistake above mentioned is continued in the item of the two-thirds awarded to your memorialists; but in transferring the case from the journal to the book of awards, the error in the item of the two-thirds has been carried by the person who posted the same into the sum total, which is made but \$49,451 46, when in truth the amount awarded by the commissioners was \$59,451 46, making a difference against your memorialists of \$10,000. That the commissioners under the said convention having no longer any power in this matter, your memorialists are advised that they can only have relief through the aid of Congress, and they therefore respectfully pray, that authority may be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to rectify the mistake herein mentioned, and to give to your memorialists in the final distribution of the funds received under said convention, the full benefit of the award of the commissioners as made in their favor.

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